

Amendments to the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-5 and add claims 6-40 as shown in the following listing of claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (canceled).
2. (canceled).
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5. (canceled).
6. (new) A graphic user interface for an electronic device with a display comprising:
 - a global drawing surface on which different graphic elements can be created, said different graphic element existing on said global drawing surface; and
 - a display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface having a local drawing surface on which additional graphic elements can be created, said display-and-control graphic element having a viewable area that can selectively display a portion of said local drawing surface such that some of said local drawing surface is not displayed, said display-and-control graphic element being configured such that said additional graphic elements on said local drawing area are managed by said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface.
7. (new) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein said display-and-control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing surface provides a same operational environment as said global drawing surface.
8. (new) The graphic user interface of claim 7 wherein said display-and-control graphic element includes one of a maximize switch and a close switch.

9. (new) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein a first graphic element of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element is functionally linked with a second graphic element of said different graphic elements on said global drawing surface.
10. (new) The graphic user interface of claim 9 wherein said first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second graphic element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said first graphic element is controlled by said second graphic element.
11. (new) The graphic user interface of claim 9 wherein said first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second graphic element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said second graphic element is controlled by said first graphic element.
12. (new) The graphic user interface of claim 9 wherein said different graphic elements, said additional graphic elements and said display-and-control graphic element can be saved as a log, including relative positions and functional associations of said different graphic elements, said additional graphic elements and said display-and-control graphic element.
13. (new) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further comprising a second display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface, said second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic element that is functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said particular graphic element being one of said different graphic elements on said global drawing surface or one of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element.
14. (new) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further comprising a second display-and-control graphic element on said local drawing surface of said display-and-control graphic element such that said second display-and-control graphic element is located within said display-and-control graphic element, said second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic element that is functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said particular graphic element being one of said different graphic elements on said global drawing surface or one of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element.

15. (new) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further comprising a graphic control device on said global drawing surface, said graphic control device being functionally linked with a particular graphic element of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element such that a relative layering position of said particular graphic element is controlled by said graphic control device.

16. (new) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further comprising a second display-and-control graphic element associated with a particular graphic element of said different graphic elements, said second display-and-control graphic element being configured to be activated to modify a property of said particular graphic element.

17. (new) The graphic user interface of claim 16 wherein said second display-and-control graphic element is one of a set of display-and-control graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set being configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular graphic element.

18. (new) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by said machine to provide a graphic user interface on a display, said graphic user interface comprising:

a global drawing surface on which different graphic elements can be created, said different graphic element existing on said global drawing surface; and
a display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface having a local drawing surface on which additional graphic elements can be created, said display-and-control graphic element having a viewable area that can selectively display a portion of said local drawing surface such that some of said local drawing surface is not displayed, said display-and-control graphic element being configured such that said additional graphic elements on said local drawing area are managed by said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface.

19. (new) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said display-and-control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing surface provides a same operational environment as said global drawing surface.

20. (new) The program storage device of claim 19 wherein said display-and-control graphic element includes one of a maximize switch and a close switch.

21. (new) The program storage device of claim 20 wherein a first graphic element of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element is functionally linked with a second graphic element of said different graphic elements on said global drawing surface.

22. (new) The program storage device of claim 21 wherein said first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second graphic element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said first graphic element is controlled by said second graphic element.

23. (new) The program storage device of claim 21 wherein said first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second graphic element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said second graphic element is controlled by said first graphic element.

24. (new) The program storage device of claim 21 wherein said different graphic elements, said additional graphic elements and said display-and-control graphic element can be saved as a log, including relative positions and functional associations of said different graphic elements, said additional graphic elements and said display-and-control graphic element.

25. (new) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface, said second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic element that is functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said particular graphic element being one of said different graphic elements on said global drawing surface or one of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element.

26. (new) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element on said local drawing surface display-and-control graphic element such that said second display-and-control graphic element is located within said display-and-control graphic element, said second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic element that is functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said particular graphic element being one of said different graphic elements on said global drawing surface or one of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element.

27. (new) The program storage device of claim 18 further comprising a graphic control device on said global drawing surface, said graphic control device being functionally linked with a particular graphic element of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element such that a relative layering position of said particular graphic element is controlled by said graphic control device.

28. (new) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element associated with a particular graphic element of said different graphic elements, said second display-and-control graphic element being configured to be activated to modify a property of said particular graphic element.

29. (new) The program storage device of claim 28 wherein said second display-and-control graphic element is one of a set of display-and-control graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set being configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular graphic element.

30. (new) A method for providing a computer environment comprising:
generating a display-and-control graphic element having a local drawing surface on a global drawing surface, said display-and-control graphic element having a viewable area that can selectively display a portion of said local drawing surface such that some of said local drawing surface is not displayed; and
creating a graphic element on said local drawing surface of said display-and-control graphic element such that said graphic element is managed by said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface.

31. (new) The method of claim 30 wherein said display-and-control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing surface provides a same operational environment as said global drawing surface.
32. (new) The method of claim 30 further comprising functionally linking said graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element with a second graphic element on said global drawing surface.
33. (new) The method of claim 32 wherein said functionally linking includes functionally linking said graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element with a second graphic element on said global drawing surface such that said graphic element is controlled by said second graphic element.
34. (new) The method of claim 32 wherein said functionally linking includes functionally linking said graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element with a second graphic element on said global drawing surface such that said second graphic element is controlled by said graphic element.
35. (new) The method of claim 32 further comprising saving said graphic element, said second graphic element and said display-and-control graphic element, including relative positions and functional associations of said graphic element, said second graphic element and said display-and-control graphic element, as a log.
36. (new) The method of claim 30 further comprising:
generating a second display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface;
creating a second graphic element in said second display-and-control graphic element; and
functionally linking said graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element with said second graphic element in said second display-and-control graphic element.

37. (new) The method of claim 30 further comprising:
generating a second display-and-control graphic element on said local drawing surface of said display-and-control graphic element such that said second display-and-control graphic element is located within said display-and-control graphic element;
creating a second graphic element in said second display-and-control graphic element; and
functionally linking said graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element with said second graphic element in said second display-and-control graphic element.
38. (new) The method of claim 30 further comprising functionally linking a graphic control device on said global drawing surface with said graphic element such that a relative layering position of said graphic element with respect to other graphic elements on said local global surface of said display-and-control graphic element is controlled by said graphic control device.
39. (new) The method of claim 30 further comprising generating a second display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface that is associated with a particular graphic element on said global drawing surface, said second display-and-control graphic element being configured to be activated to modify a property of said particular graphic element.
40. (new) The method of claim 39 wherein said generating of said second display-and-control graphic element includes generating a set of display-and-control graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set being configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular graphic element.